

AT AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	William H. Brown	-Chair
	Mary W. Biggs	-Vice Chair
	Gary D. Creed	-Supervisors
	M. Todd King	
	Annette S. Perkins (arrived 6:45 p.m.)	
	Christopher A. Tuck	
	F. Craig Meadows	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Deputy County Administrator
	Brian Hamilton	-Economic Development Director
	Ruth Richey	-Public Information Officer
	Vickie L. Swinney	-Secretary, Board of Supervisors
ABSENT:	Matthew R. Gabriele	-Supervisor
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

INTO CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by Gary D. Creed, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing the following:

Section 2.2-3711 (5) Discussion Concerning a Prospective Business or Industry or the Expansion of an Existing Business or Industry Where No Previous Announcement Has Been Made of the Business or Industry's Interest in Locating or Expanding Its Facilities in the Community.

1. Project # 2014-010

Section 2.2-3711 (3) Discussion or Consideration of the Acquisition of Real Property for Public Purpose, or of the Disposition of Publicly Held Real Property, Where Discussion in an Open Meeting Would Adversely Affect the Bargaining Position or Negotiating Strategy of the Public Body

1. Old Blacksburg Middle School Property

The vote on the forgoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT DURING VOTE</u>	<u>ABSENT DURING MEETING</u>
Gary D. Creed	None	Annette S. Perkins	Matthew R. Gabriele
M. Todd King			
Mary W. Biggs			
Christopher A. Tuck			
William H. Brown			

Supervisor Perkins arrived at 6:45 p.m.

OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by Christopher A. Tuck, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Closed Meeting to return to Regular Session.

The vote on the forgoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
M. Todd King	None	Matthew R. Gabriele
Mary W. Biggs		
Annette S. Perkins		
Christopher A. Tuck		
Gary D. Creed		
William H. Brown		

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by M. Todd King and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County has convened a Closed Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion conveying the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

VOTE

AYES

Mary W. Biggs
Annette S. Perkins
Christopher A. Tuck
Gary D. Creed
M. Todd King
William H. Brown

NAYS

None

ABSENT DURING VOTE

Matthew R. Gabriele

ABSENT DURING MEETING

Matthew R. Gabriele

INVOCATION

A moment of silence was led by the Chair.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

DELEGATION

New River Highlands Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council

Executive Director Gary Boring and RC&D Council Member Chuck Shorter made a presentation on RC&D's purpose and updated the Board on recent projects.

The New River-Highlands RC&D's mission is to promote the management of natural resources within their capability for the enhancement of the quality of life and the environment in the New River-Highlands Resource Conservation and Development Area.

The New River - Highlands Resource Conservation Area focuses on four key elements. These areas of focus include Land Management, Land Conservation, Water Management and Community Development. The RC&D seeks to identify the community needs in each of these services and develop programs and services with its partners that best suit the community and organizations it serves.

Projects include:

- Protecting Woodland Homes from Wildfire
- New River Grazing Management Initiative (\$1 million grant received)
- New River Streambank Stabilization Project
- Growing Health Kid/Kids Grow in the Garden Project
- Wytheville Farmers Market
- Renewable Energy in the Twin County Region
- Wildland/Urban Interface Workshop

The Board thanked Mr. Boring and Mr. Shorter for updating them on RC&D activities.

PUBLIC ADDRESS

Barbara Skinner addressed the Board regarding the School's FY 15 Budget request. Ms. Skinner questioned several requested items and urged the Board not to increase taxes this year.

John Gill opposed any tax increases for FY 15. Mr. Gill also urged the Board of Supervisors to find a way to tax college students who live in Montgomery County and expect services from the County; however, do not pay any taxes in the County. He suggested the County request from the General Assembly additional taxing authority to implement some sort of tax/fee on college students.

There being no further speakers, the public address session was closed.

Said resolution transfers funds from General Contingencies to Human Resources to cover the consultant's cost for evaluating plans to combine the County and the Schools health insurance programs.

A-FY-14-79
RSVP
APPROPRIATION OF DONATIONS AND FUNDRAISING

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Annette S. Perkins and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, for the function and in the amount as follows:

520	Human Services	\$9,663
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The source of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

<u>Revenue Account</u>	
25202-416158	Donations RSVP
	\$9,663

Said resolution appropriates donations and fundraising monies for use by RSVP.

R-FY-14-97
AMENDMENT TO THE
COUNTY'S COMPENSATION AND
CLASSIFICATION PLAN

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Annette S. Perkins and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, Changes to the County's Compensation and Classification Plan require approval by the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, The duties, responsibilities, and skills required for the former vacant County Engineer position have changed significantly with the focus on stormwater and regulatory compliance has developed, requiring an amendment to the Compensation and Classification Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia does hereby approve the following changes to the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Compensation and Classification Plan:

1. Abolish County Engineer position, pay grade 232.
2. Establish a Director of Engineering and Regulatory Compliance, pay grade 230.

Said resolution approves changes to the current Compensation and Classification Plan.

R-FY-14-100
ROANOKE VALLEY AREA METROPOLITAN
PLANNING ORGANIZATION (RVAMPO) –
UNEXPIRED TERM OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE
FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Annette S. Perkins and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby appoints **Gary D. Creed** as Alternate member to the **Roanoke Valley Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (RVAMPO)** effective February 25, 2014 and expiring June 30, 2014.

Said appointment fills the unexpired term of James D. Politis, resigned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The expiration of a Board of Supervisors term in office shall constitute a voluntary resignation from any board/commission/authority appointment as a representative of Montgomery County.

R-FY-14-101
APPOINTMENT
MONTGOMERY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
UNEXPIRED TERM OF REPRESENTATIVE
FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Annette S. Perkins and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby appoints **Matthew R. Gabriele** as the Board of Supervisors representative on the **Montgomery Tourism Development Council** effective February 25, 2014 and expiring August 27, 2014.

Said appointment fills the unexpired term of James D. Politis, resigned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The expiration of a Board of Supervisors term in office shall constitute a voluntary resignation from any board/commission/authority appointment as a representative of Montgomery County.

R-FY-14-102
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
RE-APPOINT DON KARNES

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Annette S. Perkins and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia hereby re-appoints **Don Karnes**, who resides in District C, to the **Parks and Recreation Commission** effective February 26, 2014 and expiring February 25, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

R-FY-14-103 DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ON FEBRUARY 13, 2014 DUE TO HEAVY SNOW GREATER THAN 15 INCHES AND MULTIPLE ROAD CLOSURES

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Gary D. Creed and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia, on February 13, 2014 at 1:31 p.m. a local emergency was declared in Montgomery County due to heavy snow greater than fifteen (15) inches, multiple road closures, potential for power outages, Interstate 81 blocked, additional snow beginning to fall, and hazardous driving conditions; and

WHEREAS, Due to the heavy snow, a condition of peril to life and property necessitated the proclamation of the existence of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, This declaration was determined necessary by the Emergency Services Coordinator and the Director of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors could not convene to declare a local emergency and so the Board desires to confirm at their next regularly scheduled meeting the existence of a local emergency due to heavy snowfall and hazardous driving conditions throughout the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that an emergency existed throughout the County of Montgomery, Virginia on February 13, 2014; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, That during the existence of said emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the Emergency Services Coordinator shall be those prescribed by state law and the ordinance, resolutions, and approved plans of the County of Montgomery in order to mitigate the effects of said emergency.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Gary D. Creed
M. Todd King
Mary W. Biggs
Annette S. Perkins
Christopher A. Tuck
William H. Brown

NAY

None

ABSENT

Matthew R. Gabriele

R-FY-14-104
RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION
BLACKSBURG POLICE CHIEF
KIMBERLEY S. CRANNIS

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, *Kimberley S. Crannis* has served in the Blacksburg Police Department for 30 years, including 8 years as Police Chief; and

WHEREAS, During these 30 years, ***Kimberley S. Crannis*** has served the citizens of Blacksburg with the utmost honesty and integrity; and

WHEREAS, The leadership of ***Chief Crannis*** during times of tragedy, such as the April 16, 2007 shootings on Virginia Tech's campus has earned her respect both statewide and nationally; and

WHEREAS, *Chief Crannis* served on Montgomery County's Transportation Safety Commission, was involved in the establishment of the regional 911 system, served on the command group for the County's Drug Task Force, served on the Local Emergency Planning Committee and the ASAP board; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors fully recognizes the hard work, dedication and leadership ***Chief Crannis*** has demonstrated in her years of service to the Blacksburg community and the citizens of Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, *Chief Crannis* has announced her retirement from the Blacksburg Police Department, effective March 1, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby extends a unanimous vote of appreciation and gratitude to ***Kimberley S. Crannis*** for her outstanding public service and dedication, and congratulates her upon the occasion of her retirement, with sincere best wishes for continued good health and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the original of this resolution be presented to ***Kimberley S. Crannis*** and that a copy be a part of the official minutes of Montgomery County.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

M. Todd King
Mary W. Biggs
Annette S. Perkins
Christopher A. Tuck
Gary D. Creed
William H. Brown

NAY

None

ABSENT

Matthew R. Gabriele

R-FY-14-105
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
VIRGINIA TECH POLICE CHIEF
WENDELL FLINCHUM

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Annette S. Perkins and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, *Wendell Flinchum* has served in the Virginia Tech Police Department for nearly 29 years, including 8 years as Police Chief; and

WHEREAS, During this time ***Wendell Flinchum*** has served the students and faculty at Virginia Tech with the utmost honesty and integrity; and

WHEREAS, The leadership of ***Chief Flinchum*** during times of tragedy, such as the April 16, 2007 shootings on Virginia Tech's campus has earned him respect both statewide and nationally; and

WHEREAS, *Chief Flinchum* was instrumental in the establishment of the Regional 911 system; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors fully recognizes the hard work, dedication and leadership ***Chief Flinchum*** has demonstrated in his years of service to the Virginia Tech community; and

WHEREAS, *Chief Flinchum* announced his retirement from the Virginia Tech Police Department in January 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the Board of Supervisors hereby extends a unanimous vote of appreciation and gratitude to ***Wendell Flinchum*** for his outstanding public service and dedication, and congratulates him upon the occasion of his retirement, with sincere best wishes for continued good health and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the original of this resolution be presented to ***Wendell Flinchum*** and that a copy be a part of the official minutes of Montgomery County.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Annette S. Perkins
Christopher A. Tuck
Gary D. Creed
M. Todd King
Mary W. Biggs
William H. Brown

NAY

None

ABSENT

Matthew R. Gabriele

INTO WORK SESSION

On a motion by M. Todd King, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Work Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

1. Western Virginia Regional Jail

The vote on the forgoing motion was as follows:

AYE

Annette S. Perkins
Christopher A. Tuck
Gary D. Creed
M. Todd King
Mary W. Biggs
William H. Brown

NAY

None

ABSENT

Matthew R. Gabriele

Western Virginia Regional Jail

Carol Edmonds, Deputy County Administrator, made a presentation on the County's cost at the Western Virginia Regional Jail. Ms. Edmonds reported that the County's inmate population has increased 88% over the past five years from an average of 138 inmates per day to an estimated average of 260 per day in the current year. The daily per diem rate at the regional jail has remained the same since FY 12 and no increase is proposed for FY 15. Of the owner jurisdictions, Montgomery County currently houses the highest number of inmates.

The following chart shows the inmate population at the WVRJ:

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Inmates</u>	
Franklin	173	24%
Roanoke	169	24%
Salem	102	14%
Montgomery	<u>269</u>	<u>38%</u>
Total of Owners*	713	100%

The regional jail also houses other inmates (state and federal) which are not included in the numbers.

In the current year, FY 14, a shortfall in funding to cover the cost of increased inmates is estimated at \$800,000.

Current Budget	= \$2,173,630 <i>based on ADP of 185</i>
Paid to Date	= <u>(\$1,908,545)</u>
Balance	= \$ 265,085

To pay by June 30, 2014 = \$1,040,000

How the increase in inmate population affects the FY 15 budget:

- o Debt service payments for FY 15 are reduced by \$200,000 to \$1.1 million, reallocating these monies to per diem payments.
- o Based on the current population, the estimated increase in new dollars needed for the FY 15 Budget is \$800,000 (increased from the initial \$700,000 estimate) and the \$200,000 reallocated from debt service for a total cost increase of \$1 million.
- o The FY 15 budget for per diem payments will total \$3.2 million for an estimated 273 ADP—an increase over the FY 13 actual numbers of inmates by 46%.
- o The total budget for FY 15 will be \$4.3 million.

The Board asked why the inmate population for Montgomery County is increasing. Captain Robbie Hall, Sheriff's Department, reported that with the opening of the new courthouse more cases are being heard. The number of courtrooms increased from three to nine; therefore, increasing the number of days each court can meet and cases heard. Also, the street crimes division has been more proactive in Montgomery County increasing the number of arrests for drug related crimes.

Supervisor Tuck commented that the number of inmates that are to be transferred to a state correctional center are being retained at a local/regional jail longer, which saves the state money but costs the locality more.

OUT OF WORK SESSION

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Gary D. Creed and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Work Session to return to Regular Session.

The vote on the forgoing motion was as follows:

AYE

Christopher A. Tuck
Gary D. Creed
M. Todd King
Mary W. Biggs
Annette S. Perkins
William H. Brown

NAY

None

ABSENT

Matthew R. Gabriele

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The County Administrator reported on the following:

Appalachian Gateway Communities Workshop: A team from Montgomery County and the Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg participated in a three-day workshop designed especially for localities bordering national or state parks, forests, and other treasured public lands. The workshop focused on developing a plan to improve economic competitiveness by capitalizing on the area's natural and cultural assets.

Future BOS meeting dates:

March 3, 2014	Special Board Meeting – FY 15 Budget Presentation
March 17, 2014	Special Board Meeting - FY 15 Budget Work Session
March 25, 2014	Community Meeting
April 8, 2014	Community Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS

Supervisor Tuck discussed the possibility of creating a Fire and Rescue Volunteer of the Year. Currently each department recognizes their own volunteers. He stated it would be nice to a county-wide volunteer of the year for the Fire Department and for the Rescue Squad.

Supervisor Brown suggested that maybe one member from each Fire Department and each Rescue Squad be recognized.

Supervisor Perkins stated that the Leading Lights recognize volunteers every year. There are different categories and anybody can be nominated. This may be another avenue to consider in recognizing the volunteer fire and rescue members.

Supervisor Creed expressed concerns with the Shawsville Middle School Annex demolition project. It is his understanding that the football stadium bleachers, field box, tower, concession building, etc. are included in the project. He does not understand why these items are going to be removed when there is still a public/community use for them. He understands the need to remove the Annex but opposes the demolition of any of the structures.

Supervisor Biggs invited everyone to attend a reception to honor Mary Ann Hinselwood at the Christiansburg Library on March 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.. Ms. Hinselwood has been a volunteer for the Library since 1984. She is moving to Abingdon.

Supervisor Biggs expressed her concern about the recent reports that pollution is coming from the Radford Arsenal. She asked if there is anything the County can do. The County Administrator replied that the Arsenal is monitored by the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Federal Government.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned to Monday, March 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

APPROVED	_____	ATTEST:	_____
	William H. Brown		F. Craig Meadows
	Chair		County Administrator